regarding the urgent necessity of opening a dispensary at Kallumkatharai at Aymanam near Kottayam?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

Bridge at Aroor.

225. *MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation regarding the urgent necessity of constructing a bridge at Aroor;

(*b*) if so, what action have the Government taken on such representation;

(*c*) whether any plan has been prepared and estimate taken;

(*d*) whether the Government of India or the Central Road Board has made any offer to the Travancore Government regarding the construction of the same; and

(*e*) if so, whether Cochin State has any place in the scheme?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) The question was considered and estimates and plans prepared by the P. W. D.

(*d*) & (*e*) Yes. The Government of India stated that they would consider the question of contributing a portion of the cost if Cochin and Travancore Governments would meet half the cost of the work. But subsequently the Cochin Government refused to contribute any portion of the cost and the Government of India expressed their inability to make any grant at present.

The Alwaye Bridge.

226. *MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have prepared any plan and estimate for the Alwaye Bridge;

(*b*) if so, what is the amount;

(*c*) whether the Central Government or the Central Road Board has made any offer; and

(*d*) whether the South Indian Railway Company has made any representation either to the Central Government or the Travancore Government regarding the inadvisability of erecting such a bridge?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) & (*b*) The matter is under reference with the Chief Engineer.

(*c*) The question is under negotiation.

(*d*) The information is not available.

The Rubber Factory.

227. *MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount spent by the Government thus far (till 18-6-1936) for the Travancore Rubber Factory;

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[Mr. P. C. Kuriyan.]

(*b*) how far the works have progressed and at what stage the factory is at present (18-6-1936) ;

(*c*) whether the factory has begun to produce any finished products as yet;

(*d*) the officer in charge of the factory at present ;

(*e*) the officer in charge of the Industries Department at present ; and

(*f*) the officer in charge of the department when the factory scheme was started ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Rs. 4,46,727-8-15 till end of Edavam 1111.

(*b*) The factory is working satisfactorily and has begun to produce finished goods of standard quality.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Mr. Helen, the Rubber Expert.

(*e*) Mr. C. Kumaradas.

(*f*) Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai.

Irrigation tanks in the Chirayinkil taluk.

228. ❋**MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Irrigation Engineer has inspected irrigation tanks in the Chirayinkil taluk during the last two years, *i. e.*, 1110 and 1111;

(*b*) if so, the number of tanks inspected during the above period ;

(*c*) whether the Irrigation Engineer has made any report as a result of his inspection ; and

(*d*) if so, the action taken by the Chief Engineer on the report?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) No tanks as such were inspected by the Division Officer, Irrigation Division during the period, but several other works in connection with the restoration of flood damages, drainage courses and river banks have been inspected.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*). These do not arise.

Toll-gate at Balaramapuram.

229. ❋**MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara I*) ; Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) whether they propose to put up a toll-gate at Balaramapuram and, if so, on whose initiative did the proposal start ; and

(*b*) the reasons for such a proposal ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) Yes on the recommendation of the Chief Engineer.

(*b*) To tax the traffic that goes untaxed between Trivandrum and Kuzhithura.

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